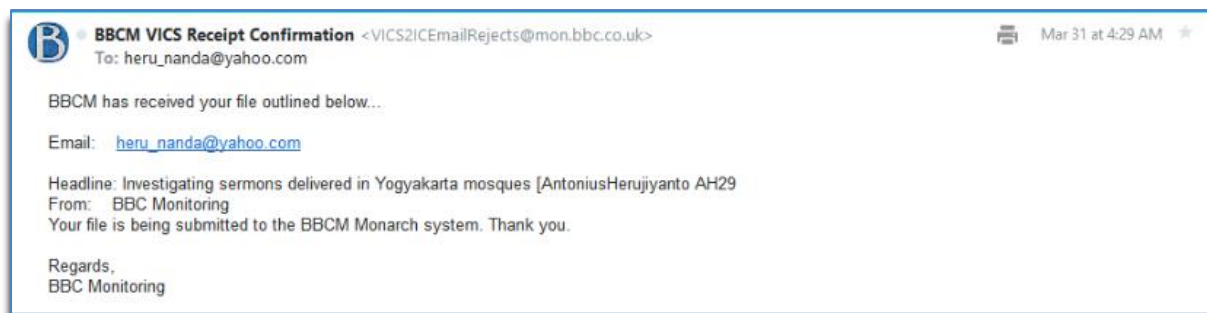


# Investigating Sermons Delivered in Yogyakarta Mosques



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The Religious Department of Yogyakarta province has come to every single mosque in the province to find the contents of the sermons recently delivered.

According to the Chairman Department, Muhammad Luthfi Hamid, the data are needed to find out khotib or the Islamic preachers with their provocative and intolerant sermons.

He said Monday (on 26 March) that the investigation was also meant to find which mosques were usually made use by the khotib with such sermons.

Having such data, he said, that it would enable his office to provide Mosques in the province with recommendations not to invite anymore such khotib.

Muhammad Luthfi Hamid also said that the data found would be made use as the best materials to train takmir (the mosque management).

According to him there are three categories to identify the contents of sermons delivered in the Mosques. First, it spreads up hostility against the government by making use wrong and fake data and information.

To spread up hate speeches against other groups of people or other religious followers.

To provoke Muslims with contradictory concepts of religion, statesmanship, and those of culture.

In the meantime, the Chairman of the Indonesian Ulema Council or MUI Chapter Yogyakarta, cleric Thoha Abdurachman, stated that conducting preventive actions were the best efforts to make. He said, thus, that the Council did support such good actions conducted by the Provincial Religious Department of Yogyakarta province.

According to the cleric, however, the data gathering should be carefully carried out. This way, the negative responses to the surveys would be prevented from taking place.

Not only did he offer the possible co-operation in providing the training to the Khotib in question, but he also insisted that there should not be any orchestrated data. Besides, he explained, that MUI has also got a Department dealing with such matters.

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